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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

Exhibits A and B, listed on the Form 1449, are photographs of products that were commercially available from competitors at the time of filing of the present application. Applicants are not aware of the manufacturers of these products nor the specific model number of identifier.

Applicants also wish to direct the Examiner's attention to commonly-owned related application, Serial No. 10/770,904, filed on February 3, 2004. A copy of this application is attached for the Examiner's convenience.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

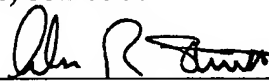
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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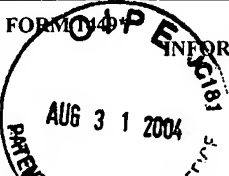
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<b>FORM 1449</b> <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</b> <b>IN AN APPLICATION</b> (Use several sheets if necessary) 	Docket Number: 2316.1810US01	Application Number: 10/809,666
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)		
		Trompeter Electronics Inc., p. 14, undated, from a 1991 Product Catalog
		Exhibits A and B, photographs of products manufactured by competitors
		Copy of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/770,904, filed on February 3, 2004

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